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MARRIAGE.

On the 10th January at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by Rev. J. R. Ost, assisted by the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A. (Colonial Chaplain). Stephen, third son of the late Frederick Augustus Stephenson, Esq., and his wife, Mary, daughter of Dr. F. A. Steamer, eldest daughter of C. F. A. Steamer, Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, Hongkong.

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We publish to-day another instalment of our serial tale "Miss Eyon of Eyon Court."

We are requested to state that there will be no garden party at Headquarter House to-day, Thursday.

The signature to the letter on the loss of the Choo-choo-zoo in yesterday's issue should have been Popoff, not Popoff.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Adamsen & Co.) that the C. P. steamer Parthia, arrived in Vancouver on the 11th instant from Japan.

The Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Duncan, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Tuesday afternoon for this port.

We are informed by the Superintendent that the F. & O. steamer Peninsular, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 5 p.m.

It is stated in the Shanghai papers that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank has made a loan of \$450,000, at five per cent, to the Chinese Government for the construction of the railway between Tientsin and Tung-chow.

Private advice from Java says that the Straits Times, the trial of the second batch of prisoners charged with insurrection and murder in the province of East Java, concluded before the Special Commission on the 3rd instant. Of 31 persons arraigned, 29 were condemned to death, and 22 were acquitted.

With reference to a case tried at the Police Court on the 4th instant, in which a man named Kit, who was convicted of larceny, described himself as a clerk at the Tung Wah Hospital, and was informed that the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital have no knowledge of such person.

There will be a football match at Causeway Bay to-day, the 17th instant, between the Club and 1st Regiment, when the following will represent the Club:—(Captain) E. M. Blair, R.E., A. H. Maclean, B. A. Ram, H. S. Woodcock, R.A., F. Matheson, F. N. Firth (forwards), C. Evans and G. W. Dickson (3 backs); Captain McDonough, and W. H. Wallace (backs), and G. McNaught (goal). The Club team to wear white.

A writer in the Manila Opinion advocates the abandonment of the Caroline Islands as a distant and costly dependence of the Spanish Crown. It is said that Spain spends annually \$400,000 for the maintenance of its garrisons in those islands, and that up to the present time no profit has been reaped. The Diccionario de la Opinión's arguments, on the ground that present sterility should not be taken as an argument against future possibilities.

At about five o'clock on the 8th instant, says the Singapore Free Press, Mr. W. Mason, an engineer well-known in Singapore, committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was the chief engineer of the Malacca and later vice-president of the Ban Yon Song, which vessel he left shortly before Christmas. He was to stay at the Hotel de la Paix, and from there was admitted to Hospital on the 7th instant, suffering from delirium tremens. His luggage was taken into his room, and amongst this was his razor, with which he committed the fatal act. It is said that the deed was done most deliberately, and at the same time before he could end the silence of the attending nurses. A considerable amount of money was found amongst Mr. Mason's effects.

In the Supreme Court at Singapore on the 8th instant, before Chief Justice Sir T. T. P. Ford, a damages action by Edward Blair Michael Bishop, and Edward Howland French, Counsel, against that ship was heard. The plaintiff alleged that he was prevented from practising in the Consular Court, and was forcibly ejected therefrom, suffering damages and loss of professional reputation, for which he claimed \$50,000. Mr. Groom appeared for the plaintiff, and raised a preliminary objection that the damage was held in law. The Attorney-General then opened his case to sustain the damages, and occupied the entire of the whole of the morning. The judge for a short time or words spoken in his judicial capacity in a Court of Justice.—Singapore Free Press.

The Straits Times commented some time ago that the very high freight rates which have been ruling in the China market were due to the fact that the fall has been sharper and has taken place sooner than was anticipated by many people. We may take the instance of a steamer running from London via the Straits to China and Japan. Such a vessel leaving Singapore in November last would have sailed from our port at a time when freight rates were ruling at 60 and 65. Taking the usual ports in her run the vessel would have had to pay 100 to 110 dollars per ton, according to the rates given by the Board of Trade, and the Chinese would probably find some little difficulty in getting a very large amount of cargo at these rates.

The difference between the two rates with the short compass of one voyage is very marked, and of course makes an enormous difference to the ship, while at the same time such violent fluctuations in freight must cause a good deal of anxiety to merchants. It is to be hoped, however, that rates have touched their lowest point, and that there will now be a firmer deal of the gratifying result—must, we hope, be in the market.

think, be attributed to sanitary regulations and to the spread of vaccination, but probably natural causes are the chief factor. However this may be, it is to be hoped the freedom from any outbreak of the disease this season will not efface the lessons taught by the epidemic of last season, and that any future epidemic will find us in the same state of unpreparedness that the last one did.

The report of the very interesting address delivered by the Pandita Ramabai on Thursday evening would be perused with interest by our readers yesterday morning. It is impossible to withhold sympathy from any one working in the cause of female emancipation in India, where women are practically held in bondage and the monstrous customs of infant marriage and compulsory widowhood exist. To sympathise with the movement of which Miss Ramabai is one of the leading spirits is not necessary to adopt Dr. Emma Kyd's views as to the absolute likeness of the male and female brain. If sex is not discernible in the brain it only goes to show, as has been contended by many students of physiology, that intelligence and temperament are not dependent solely on that organ. Whatever may be the likeness or difference between the mental characteristics of the two sexes, the view that woman, as well as man, should be afforded the opportunity of developing her facilities to whatever extent they may be capable of development, must command itself to every one who has at heart the progress of the human race. Miss Ramabai's movement must also command sympathy for the amount of suffering it will prevent by rescuing many child widows, those unfortunate victims of habitual cruelty, from the life to which they have hitherto been condemned.

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Dr. CARLTON.—There has been no case of small-pox in the colony at all then?

The PRESIDENT said, that with regard to these returns, he might say that two cases of small-pox had been sent to the Civil Hospital this season which were the only cases that had occurred in the colony as yet. He told the world the truth, pointed out the murderer and informed the manager where the body could be found. The body was found the next day, the head fearfully cut up and the body skinning off. Still no one would confess, but after being further pressed on the subject they acknowledged having committed the murder, upon which they have been taken to Sandakan, where they are awaiting their sentence. Mr. Tom was a very quiet man. All the planters are astonished that such a terrible affair should have happened with him.

The latest addition to the Kuning Lime of steamers or the D. D. R. the Aglata, arrived here yesterday morning from Hamburg via Peking and Singapore. She is commanded by Captain Christianen, who is well known here, having been in the coast trade for some twenty-four years and in the Company's service fifteen years. The Aglata is a vessel of 1,650 tons, of the novitiate type, built in 1886, length 100 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 22 ft. She was built by the Flensburg-Holsteinian Guselachaff Company of shipbuilders, and is fitted with triple-expansion engines of 1,350 horse-power, indicated by the same builders. This vessel is designed more as a cargo-carrying boat than a passenger carrier, but there is splendid accommodation for twenty-two first-class and four second-class passengers in the saloon deck, and for 100 men in the steerage. The Aglata is a vessel of 1,650 tons, of the novitiate type, built in 1886, length 100 ft., breadth 20 ft., depth 22 ft. 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CHAPTER VII.

MARJORIE WRITES A LETTER.

December had come, but there was nothing genial in the dark, bleak weather; the persistent dullness of the house and its surroundings told Marjorie's courage, she became depressed and languid. She had fallen heavily, and had lain already a foot deep on the ground, so that there really was nothing to be seen from the window, except the darkness where the windows looked like the wharf from which the cargo-drive looked like a procession of white swaddled worshippers as they bent under their accustomed weight.

Marjorie had been shivering since she came in from her walk, but now she seemed regardless of the cold. She was standing on the marble pavement of the hall, pressing her face against the glass beside the door, till both nose and cheeks were red. It was a cold day, and she was cold. She was watching for the postman, but every minute of increasing darkness lessened her hope of his arrival. The tall clock on the landing struck the quarter past four, and Marjorie sighed heavily as she turned from the window.

"Oh dear! of course I ought not to expect him to write, but still I did. I suppose he thinks I'm a baby, and it frights me like one."

"I have had ready for some minutes and now I have walked slowly upstairs, they tell me to go to bed."

She went into the parlor and seated herself before the fire. This was a part of the day that she hated, for candles were brought in at a fixed hour at Lyon Court, and Marjorie had, perchance, to sit in darkness, unless she went to her room and braved the cold there.

"I am very miserable," she said, as she warmed first one dimpled hand and then the other; "what would have happened if I had written?"

She could not have brought me to Lyon Court again by will. Dear Mrs. Lockyer would not have allowed it, and I am sure Sir George would have taken my part. Am I so very sure though, that he would?"

A long pause came at this point, while she debated many pros and cons, smiling and frowning in turn as they came.

"I really have tried to bear it," she said at last, "and I can't. It seems silly and impudent, and I suppose Sir George thinks so, and he leaves me."

She clasped her hands in her lap and ate looking sadly into the fire.

She asked herself why she had come to Lyon Court. Mrs. Lockyer and Sir George Wolff had told her that if she left from her aunt's proposal some arrangement could doubtless be made; but Marjorie had said she was willing to go to the manor house.

She was proud of belonging to this old family, although her mother's death had not given her a special importance of its own; but then Marjorie knew that both her father and her grandfather had married for love, and that their wives had not brought money with them, and she thought that as Aunt Louisa and her brother John had evidently been fond of money they had probably shown their worst sides to the poor wives—her mother and her grandmother—and with the daring self-confidence of nineteen she had resolved to be fond of her. Mr. Wolff, the Bay, the landlord of the Eldebona, a tall, strongly-built young fellow, who looked like a farmer, stood just now in the midst of his guests, with his back to the fire, and was seemingly enjoying the con-sumption of the wreaths of smoke which issued from the lips of his customers.

"What a silly child I was," she said sadly. She had returned Mr. Wolff after that first evening. She had passed a miserably disturbed night, but next morning her nervous alarm had been quieted.

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